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Although the *Gjoa*, to which is promised a share of the *Vega's* immortality, is only a small sloop of 46 tons, manned by eight sailors, her officers are qualified for the work of exploration by experience and scientific attainments. Captain AMUNDSEN was first officer of the *Belgica*, employed in the Belgian attempt at south polar exploration, and he is accompanied by Lieutenant GOR-

In another way the result of the three platoon system was even more deplorable, however. By their victory in obtaining it against the interests of the city and in violation of every warning of good sense, some of the members of the department were confirmed in the already strong opinion held by them that the municipality exists for their benefit instead of the police for the benefit of the municipality. The effect on discipline of such a frame of mind is not difficult to guess.

It appears that Commissioner McAdoo's successor is to be a military man or an ex-police man. This successor will find the three platoon system in operation

BROOKLYN, Dec. 6. GEORGE FRANCIS FOSTER,
Novelty Required.
 Clerk—Yes, madam, we have something also
 lately new in toys. How old is the boy?
 Young Mother—Eighteen months.

And our message they may praise;
But, dear Ted, it
Is but right that just a few
Of those message laurels you
Have received should be my due
For—I read it.

the month of September, 1877. During last month 200 persons filed on claims, and so lively is the scramble to secure claims that there were also about fifty contests filed in the same month. At the rate claims have been taken during the past five weeks it will not take more than a year to close out all

reasons for believing that it was used even before then. Every United States legation, consular office and consular agent has used it on official papers which have been sent to Washington from all parts of the world, for the State Department has always supplied it to the legations for that